Industrial institutes in public sector

†5233. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that industrial institutes are being run in public sector;

(b) if so, total number of such institutes as on 31st March, 2000 alongwith the total capital invested so far by Government in these institutes; and

(c) what amount of capital has been taken as loan out of the total invested capital for which interest is being given annually and the amount being paid as annual interest on an average by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR. VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (c) Industrial Institute are all not necessarily in the public sector. Industrial Institutes are organised to train artisans, employees of various grades and even executives in different skills, vocations and professions. These may be established by the Central or State Governments or maybe cooperatives or private enterprises. Industrial establishments in the public sector under Central and State Governments as well as private enterprises have also established industrial institutes for in-house training of staff. In view of the wide dispersal of these institutes all over country, their establishments under different modes including formal and informal arrangements and their varied character details regarding these institutes is not centrally maintained.

Decline in the profit and turnover of BHEL

5234. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that net profit and turnover of BHEL have fallen remarkably;

(b) if so, what are the factors that have contributed to this; and

(c) what steps are proposed to improve the health of the company?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (DR.VALLABH BHAI KATHIRIA): (a)and(b)

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As per the Provisional (Un-audited) results for 1999-2000, the turnover of BHEL, has been marginally less than that of 1998-99 due to delay/deferment of a number of Power as well as Industrial projects, reduced order inflow and severe demand contraction in the industrial market. Despite this, BHEL has been able to improve its net profit. The details are given below:—

(Rs. in crore)

	1998-99	1999-00*	% change
Turnover	6795	6640	2.28
Net Profit	545	551	1.10

*Provisional/Subject to Audit.

(c) BHEL is a profit making company since 1971-72 and is paying dividends continuously since 1976-77. The company has 14 manufacturing units located in different parts of the country. Operations of these units are reviewed at regular intervals and steps are taken to ensure optimal utilisation of the equipment and manpower. While profit making units are further strengthened, special attention is paid towards units that are not performing as expected in regard to marketing, diversification, new products, value addition, updation of technology, improvement in yield, cost economy etc. BHEL has also launched modernisation schemes to upgrade its aged facilities in order to face the challenges of global competition.

Sell-off of Jessop

5235. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Ministerof HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned Government weighs sell-off entire stake in Jessop published in the Telegraph, dated 9th April, 2000;

(b) if so, when did Government decide to divert upto 74 per cent in Jessop, as reported;

(c) when was the revival scheme of Jessop sanctioned by BIFR;

(d) whether the implementation of the scheme is being carried out at envisaged in the BIFR scheme; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?